

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The Amite City Chamber has over 90 years of experience advising the local business community of our small town. Over the years, we have supported businesses through educational and networking programs and by promoting policies that we feel will benefit our members. Today, we would like to extend our support to New Charter, a proposed cable broadband company that would offer superior services and prioritize diversity and inclusion.

New Charter would provide our members with high-quality broadband at affordable rates. We are impressed with its array of options that would easily cater to any businesses' needs, but we are especially excited about its diversity and inclusion programs. New Charter would work with local communities to encourage minority, women, veteran and disabled-owned businesses to join the broadband supply chain. These efforts would include free seminars and networking opportunities, giving entrepreneurs the training they need to be successful.

New Charter's local partnerships illustrate its desire to promote inclusion in its industry. Inclusion would be a pillar of New Charter's operation, and would also include bringing into the market underserved communities. The company would adopt Bright House's successful low-income program and expand it across its national footprint. The program would provide high-quality broadband to customers that for too long have been priced out of the market. This would benefit both individuals and our local economy, and is a unique program we hope others in the industry would replicate.

We support New Charter because it would be committed to diversity and inclusion. We ask you to consider the impact of the company and lend your support to the merger.

Sincerely,



Merrie Bennett
President, Amite City Chamber